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Phil:

I talked to Richardson about the possibility of having a verification planning group in NATO and he seemed to think well of the idea. I wonder if we should not follow this up with a memo proposing it, point out:

- 1) it would be a way to avoid having verification a gripping factor in NATO relations,
- 2) it might make a small start on the disclosure of our capabilities that we will have to make in connection with any SALT,
- 3) it might be a useful specific proposal for him to make,
- 4) the upcoming possible field test,
- 5) the relationship to balanced force reductions,
- 6) a way to reduce the resentment of the special US/UK relationship,
- 7) a way to get across in future SALT consultations what our unilateral verification capabilities are like.

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